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HAPPY FEBRUARY, NERDS.

wait…AGAIN? It's a year AGAIN? **didn't we just do that?** *i can hardly keep my eyes open, and i dunno about all y'all but i am having the hardest time not being a* ***heinous*** *bitch.*

it's only been a couple weeks and i'm already over it. **another year that will disappear in a couple of seconds?** *by the time you read this, the year will be over. Because on my planet, one earth year is only several minutes long. it's hard to quantify another year.* ***how do we measure that again?*** *In* **prescription refills, bank fees? exes?** *apartments we've lived in, times we've jerked it using our tears as lube? times we couldn't nut OR cry because we were on SSRIs?*

This is supposed to be an edition about **Love**. *what do i know about love? I don't want it to just be the sticky kind that often (but not always) involves sex or flowers and cards. I'm writing about the kind that stops us from* ***shrieking like banshees*** *and pushing each other down escalators for being too slow in our evening commutes.*

i do know that it's important that we make ***this month*** *about "Love": yes yes corporate yes yes consumerism but if we made it in March or April or May we would get it all mixed up and think that love was only just the beginning of things, the* ***fresh glow of spring****, the days getting slowly brighter.* ***soft breezes and white linen and lilacs****.*

true love is so much more than that, so much more robust, so much more persistent and even annoying when all we want is to put the whole village to sleep and move into the castle on the hill: love is more like **the daily decision not to kick the shit out of a stranger**. *it's polyester and sheet lightning and dry skin and being so god damn tired you can barely keep your eyes open but you try making what room you have to show up as best you can.*

and if in this month of roses and oyster dinners and slipping on ice and rotting in your room, ***it's okay if all you can do is take yourself home at the end of the day and keep yourself warm****, it's just a few more weeks. Until then, i'll try not to kick the shit out of you if i see you.*

xoxo,
PLEASER

FAVE LOVE SONG: Laid - James
TO READ: "All about Love: New Visions" - bell hooks /// "A Year in Practice" - Jacqueline Suskin
ASK POLLY.com <3 ///
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***oh wait!
TO EAT: anything with any calories that will keep you from dying. Bonus if it's tasty!
TO LISTEN: the dry, cold air around you on your street at 1am on a weekday/// 69 Love Songs - The Magnetic Fields

WE ASKED A BUNCH OF YOU FOR SOME TIPS ON NOT DIGGING A HOLE IN A SNOW PILE AND FREEZING TO DEATH IN THE WINTER, AND HERE IS WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY!!!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT MONTREAL WINTER/WINTER IN GENERAL?

"I like : **romanticising the cold** *and when my nose hairs freeze / I dislike :* **winter sports enthusiasts***"*

"Wearing layers, **appreciating warmth,** *and not feeling as guilty about introversion"*

"I love the light in the winter, the way it reflects off of the snow, and how on a cold day **the sky gets really clear.**"

"I like how the cold makes you appreciate going back inside after you venture out. I would recommend trying to go outside every single day in the winter even if it's just to get a coffee somewhere."

HOBBIES / HACKS THAT KEEP YOU FROM THE PIT OF DESPAIR?

"My main hobbies right now are trying to get through all seasons of **Columbo** (all I care about is Columbo, I live and breathe Columbo)'

"As a black metal musician *I find a lot of inspiration in winter landscapes and nature for my music."*

"sun lamp, **citrus fruits,** *ginseng extract"*

"Lifting weights. I want to look and dress like a wrestler from the 80's. **Marty Jannetty** maybe."

"Drinking water... Calling my mom.... Going outside once a day... **Stretching**"

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO?

*"***Making more music,** *alone and with friends. Going on tour again. Living life to the fullest and* **seeing the world.**"

"Even though I love Montreal, I'm basically always looking forward to leaving on **little weekend trips.** *Up next is my birthday (February 8), but not sure where I'm going yet."*

"Currently, I am looking forward to **Taverne Tour.** *It's my first year working it as a media person, and also my first year in general attending this festival and I am* **stoked to see what it'll bring!**"

"I'm looking forward to some of **my holds at the library,** *using the procreate brushes I got for Christmas, and the days getting brighter."*

"Not being **hungover** *anymore."*

"I'm looking forward to booking **more cool shit at Toscadura** *which is a new venue located at 4388 St-Laurent. It's across the street from* **Sabor Latino** *(who have the best* **chicharrón** *in town, imo. I said what I said.) For more info about the venue write to:* **booking@casadelpopolo.com**"

I'm looking forward to **the summer**. *I can't wait to go swimming in a body of water. And road trips!*

"don't **make me do this**"

PLAYLIST <3

BACK PAGE: ***LISTINGS + PUNK <3 CLASSIFIEDS UwU***

PUNK LOVE CLASSIFIEDS: DAMN. Y'ALL DELIVERED ON THESE. I HAD TO EDIT SOME DOWN/CUT A COUPLE TO MAKE THEM FIT AND IT BROKE MY HEART BUT WOULD LOVE TO PUBLISH THESE MORE OFTEN TO MAKE ROOM FOR THEM (LMK IF U WANT THAT SOMEHOW):

we don't talk anymore and i'm not sure why but i could probably take a guess and it makes me sad. i think about you every day and i hope things work out for you or w.e

I heard from a lil birdy that you have a lil crush on me. That had me incredibly stoked cuz I have a lil crush on you too! Let me know if you ever uhh open up your relationship?

You: transgender grindcore vocalist and anarcho punk guitarist
Me: transgender indie rock and hardcore punk guitar player

He's printing in his dungeon. Ensuring we all have cool shirts to wear. Yet, he always makes time for me. Softest, sweetest love I have ever know. Endlessly grateful!

how do u ask somebody out/invite someone back to yours when u feel like the vibe might be there? HELP!
GOTTA RISK IT FOR THE BISCUIT. GIVE YRSELF A CHANCE + OTHERS WILL TOO - PLZR

i still love my ex but he is a man child and i can't be a mother

I feel bad for the person you were before we met and I hate the person you are after you left

I had my heart broken by a punk near and a punk far in the last year and though it scares me to jeopardize our friendship I feel like kissing you would cure all my ailments.

u, me, the ubisoft wall after the punk show. bug bites and slushees and more than i've ever laughed. its been a lovely year.

Help! I have crushes on every one of my friends. What should I do?
MAKE DUMBER, UGLIER FRIENDS. OR KISS THEM IF U WANNA! - PLZR

I'm having the best sex of my life which is making yanking my chain less fun these days…. What should I do?
TRY JERKING IT INSTEAD - PLZR

Sorry, but today I'm giving advice. Love your friends. Befriend your lovers. Learn to love people with your whole heart. Including, and most importantly, yourself.

HOWS IN FEBRUARY SHOWS IN FEBRUARY SHOWS IN FEBRUARY SHOWS IN FEBRUAR

INFOLETTRE de PUNK D.I.Y. LA CHAÎNE PRÉSENT:
new band show
LIFELINE
(CRUST WITH MEMBERS OF GARM, THE NOT, LOBOTOMITE, VEXATION)
UNFILED
(HARDCORE WITH MEMBERS OF WILL TO SPEAK)
DEAD EDDIE & THE ANGEL WINGS
(ELECTRO-BREAT/GABBER WITH MEMBERS OF OBELISK, CLAYMAN)
+MORE TBA!
SAMEDI 22 FÉVRIER 2025
LA SOTTERENEA + PORTES 19h SHOW 20h
$10 (N.O.T.A.F.L.O.F.) + ALL AGES (BRING I.D.)

La Chaîne est une infolettre mensuelle et un calendrier de shows de la scène punk DIY Montréalaise. Envoyez-nous vos contributions en français et/ou en anglais: les annonces de spectacles punk, les photos, les dessins, les critiques et les petits annonces. (Soumettre un article n'est pas une garantie de la publication.)
La Chaine is a monthly newsletter and show calendar from the Montreal DIY punk scene. Send us your submissions in french and/or english: show announcements, photos, drawings, reviews and classified ads. (Submission does not guarantee publication.)

Wednesday February 5 – mercredi 5 février
GOUGE AWAY (Florida), GUMM (Tennessee), BOTFLY (Halifax)
@ Cabaret Foufs – 7pm/19h – $30

Friday February 7 – vendredi 7 février
HRT, GOD'S MOM (Toronto), PUGGY BEALES @ La Sotterenea – 8pm/20h – $15

BÉTON ARMÉ, MULCHULATION II, OOZ (Toronto) @ L'escogriffe – 20h30/8:30PM

Saturday February 8 – samedi 8 février
SPLEEN, LAUGHING, PSYCHIC ARMOUR, NEW RELEASE
@ Blue Dog – 8pm/20h – $15

Friday February 14 – vendredi 14 février
GHIDORAH, UNSUCKED, GOURDIN @ Barfly – 8pm/20h – PWYC

Saturday February 15 – samedi 15 février
THE PROWLERS, ULTRA RAZZIA, SISTEMA DE MUERTE, TRAUMA BOND
@ La Sotterenea – 8:30pm/20h30 – $20

Friday February 21 – vendredi 21 février
DUREX, STREET GLOVES, THE NOT + TBA @ La Toscadura – $15 NOTAFLOF

Saturday February 22 – samedi 22 février
New Band Show ft. LIFELINE, UNFILED, DEAD EDDIE & THE ANGEL WINGS
+ more bands TBA @ La Sotterenea – 7pm/19h – $10 NOTAFLOF, AA

Friday February 28 – vendredi 28 février
Palestine benefit ft. VERIFY, KHASSARAT, TBA @ Blue Dog– 8pm/20h – $15 PWYC

ASHBREATHER, ØBELISK, VVOMB @ Turbo Haus – 8pm/20h – $10

More shows and more info on www.AskAPunk.net!
Attack and dethrone Mark Zuckerberg!

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